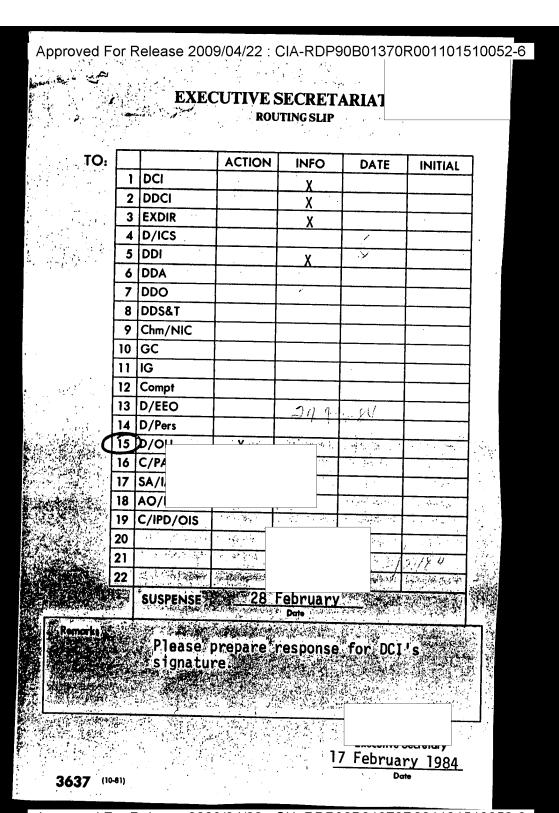
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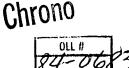
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The Honorable William Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

Members of Congress and the general public have benefited greatly from the many studies and briefings concerning the Soviet Union contributed by CIA officials to the Joint Economic Committee. I am personally appreciative of the agency's continued close cooperation with the Committee under your leadership.

It has been brought to my attention that a need exists for better understanding of the Soviet industrial sector and the reasons for its poor performance in recent years. We would like to publish a collection of recent studies prepared by CIA analysts on the industrial sector of the Soviet economy. It would be desirable for the studies to include industries such as steel, machinery, cement, coal, metals, fuel, and chemicals. I would expect that, in most cases, completed studies can be updated and modified for our purposes. This would reduce the time and effort necessary to devote to the effort. Richard Kaufman of the Committee staff will be made available to assist in this project.

I believe publication of these studies would greatly enhance the public understanding of one of the most important aspects of the Soviet economy, as well as aid in the appreciation of the valuable role played by the CIA.

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Sincerely,

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